

**REMARKS**

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 4, 17-27, drawn to isolated RDE-1 polypeptides) under 35 U.S.C. §121 for prosecution in the present application, without traverse.

The Examiner has indicated that Inventions I and II are related as product and process of use. It is Applicants understanding that upon a finding of allowability of a product claim, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined and reentered as a matter of right, and will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CDF 1.104.

Applicants reserve the right to traverse the restriction between the non-elected groups in this or a separate application.

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